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In re the Application of)
Alfredo Nicosia et al.)
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For: "Mimotopes of Hyper-)
Variable Region 1 of the)
E2 Glycoprotein of HCV
and Uses Thereof)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present application is based on International Application PCT/EP99/03344. Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 80, line 11 at the end of the oligo rev sequence, replace "GLAG" with --GTAG--.

In the claims:

6. (Amended) A library according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 5] displayed on the surface of bacteriophage particles.

7. (Amended) A method of obtaining at least one [or more] peptide[s] containing an epitope immunologically cross-reactive with an epitope in the HVR1 of an HCV strain, the method including bringing into contact a library of peptides according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 5] and an antibody molecule able to bind said HVR1 of an HCV